

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

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Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

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Amen Generosity

Amen Generosity is an act of love that begins with God and pours through us. We find joy in praying...

“Amen Lord, live in us and let your loving generosity flow freely through us as the Church on mission to our world.”

Calendar

October 22 & 23
Inspiration Weekend One

October 29 & 30
Inspiration Weekend Two

November 5 & 6
Invitation Weekend One

November 12 & 13
Invitation Weekend Two



Dear Saint Mary Family,

We have been so blessed. Every Mass, we pray these words: for through your goodness, we have received the bread (and the wine) we offer you. We are receivers of so much goodness from God. As we receive the living presence of Jesus himself, we say Amen – Yes! to his lifechanging mercy and love in and through us.

This year we are introducing an important new path as we grow in our “yes” to God’s goodness and love. Called Amen Generosity, this path helps us see ourselves first as great receivers of all that we have and are – every breath we take and every beat of our hearts. Second, this path leads us to say Amen to letting God’s loving generosity flow through us to be a blessing to others. We do this as the Church in mission to our world.

I have witnessed firsthand from so many of you over this past year how you have been a channel of God’s goodness and loving generosity in our community. But our Lord is not hardly done with us. We will continue to lovingly care for people every day through our parish ministries, and we want to grow forward in some very important ways:

- 1 **Evangelization.** To grow our parish ministries and provide tools for evangelization in and through every ministry requires continued investment in resources such as staff and facilities.
2. **Support and strengthen families.** We want to be sure we challenge and inspire our families to make church in the home the norm, where God is honored, faith is shared, taught, and lived, prayer is a normal event, virtue is transmitted by word and example, and Sunday Mass attendance is an eagerly anticipated experience. This is called the domestic church.
3. **Form and Educate our Catholic youth** –Saint Mary Catholic School is bursting at the seams. We have a waiting list to get in. Our parish children’s religious formation and education processes are thriving as well. Our Sacramental preparation processes involve both the child and parents.

Thank you for saying yes to being a part of the Saint Mary family. More information will be shared in the weeks ahead. For now, pray with me that we will be great receivers and givers of God’s goodness and loving generosity for the vital mission to which we have been called.

In the love of Jesus,

Fr. Doug Halsema
Pastor





Average Weekly Mass Attendance
1157

Children in Religious Ed
75

Children in Catholic School
405

Baptisms
49

First Communions
64

Confirmations
42

Adorers
43

Funerals
51

Volunteer Catechists
22

Marriages
15

Small Group Participants
325

Ministry Volunteers
193

Liturgical Volunteers
216

Families
1,492

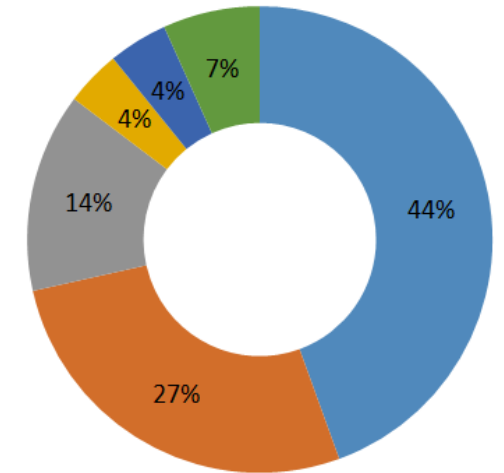
Saint Mary's Financial Report

SOURCES OF FUNDS

Offertory(Online, Envelopes, Basket)	1650631.9
Outreach	36609.85
Total Income	\$ 1,687,242

USE OF FUNDS

Parish Administration(Salaries)	542551.14
Parish Operational Costs(Plant Operation, utilities, etc)	329644.05
Church and Other Buildings(Custodial services, maintenance)	168767.23
Religious Education(Explorers, EDGE, Life Teen, Adult Faith Formation)	47015.04
Liturgy (Choir, music, materials, etc)	50167.44
Charitable Contributions(Outreach, School Subsidy, etc)	82306.64
Total Expenses	\$ 1,220,452



- Parish Administration
- Parish Operational Costs
- Church and Other Buildings
- Religious Education
- Liturgy
- Charitable Contributions



Parish Ministry Successes Over Past Year

Mass, our overall Sunday Experience

- In person attendance has been growing since the pandemic.
- Live stream our Sunday 10am Mass and Daily Masses.
- Good growth with Sunday Hospitality Ministry

Evangelization and Discipleship.

- Parishioners participate in the Invest and Invite strategy and 3 Conversations.
- Provided in person ministries for children, youth, and adults.
- Provided support and resources to parents to build the domestic church.
- Provided Summer VBS, Camp, and Youth Conference for children and youth to attend.
- Launched two small group series for our parish community to engage with others and share the faith.

School

- Hired an excellent new school principal.
- School children returned to Mass.
- Teachers participated in small groups.
- Held a special series of seminars and retreat with our teachers on how to evangelize our children, teach the children to evangelize, and developed an implementation plan.
- Continued to follow through on 1.5 million dollar capital repair and improvements.

Parish Ministry Enhancements or New Initiatives

- Homily Series/One Church One Message process has grown and is planned every summer for the following 10 months.
- Added weekly 5pm Sunday Mass
- Implemented Parish Mission - The 99
- Currently implementing Parish Small Group series for 6 weeks, the 99, ending with Friendsgiving.
- Continue with Ministry Sign Up Sundays
- Increased Mass music budget, purchased new equipment, and bought new choir/musician chairs.
- Enhanced overall parish online communications.